

Remarks

In the outstanding office action, the Examiner has required the election of a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. More particularly, the Examiner required applicants to select from a composition comprising (meth)acrylic compounds containing epoxy (meth)acrylates (Group I – claims 8-14); a flatting composition comprising (A) a mixture comprising (meth)acrylic compounds containing epoxy (meth)acrylates, and (B) a dimerdiol component (Group II – claims 15-24); a glass material coated with the flatting composition of Group II (Group III, – claim 25); and a process for the production of a mixture of (methyl)acrylic compounds and epoxy (meth)acrylates (Group IV – claim 26). In addition the Examiner required election of species in the following areas a) hydroxyl compounds, b) epoxides, and c) dimerdiols (contingent upon the election of Group II).

Although applicants do not necessarily agree with the statements made by the Examiner in the office action, applicants are making, without traverse, the following elections:

Group II, claims 15-24, drawn to a flatting composition comprising (A) a mixture comprising (meth)acrylic compounds containing epoxy (meth)acrylates, and (B) a dimerdiol component.

Election of species, without traverse:

a) hydroxyl compounds

trimethylolpropane triethoxylate esterified with adipic acid, as in the Example; claims 15-24

b) epoxides

bisphenol A diglycidyl ether, as in the Example, claims 15-24

c) dimerdiols

the C36 dimerdiol (meth)acrylate derived from oleic acid, claims 15-24.

The undersigned respectfully submits that the response presented herein comprises a full and complete response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction as set forth in the office action mailed February 6, 2009.

In view of the above, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this response, invitation is respectfully made to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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